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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1886.

日二廿月四年戊丙

PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.  
LONDON.—F. ALGER, 11 & 12, Clement's  
Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE  
STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON  
& GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES  
HENDERSON & Co., 37, Wabrook, E.C.  
SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 150 & 154,  
Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMADEE PRINCE  
& Co., 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park  
Row.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW  
ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Mel-  
bourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS  
generally.—BROWN & ULICK, San Fran-  
cisco.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLE &  
Co., Square, Singapore. C. HAINSEY  
& Co., Manila.

CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & Co., The  
Aptopharmers Co., Colombo.

## BANKS.

### NOTICE.

NOTICE.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 1; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for fixed deposit for 12 months at 6 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, from the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank, if marked *On Hongkong Savings' Bank*, is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1886. 754

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK  
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000

PAID-UP.....\$500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,  
40, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:  
In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE BANK RECEIVES Money on Deposit,

buys and sells Bills of Exchange,

issues Letters of Credit; forwards Bills for

Collection, and transacts Banking and

Agency Business generally on terms to be

had on application.

Interest allowed on Deposits:—

Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

6 " 4 " "

3 " 3 " "

On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent.

per annum on the daily balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL  
BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the  
Balances of such Claims, purchased

1.—By an immediate Payment in Cash of

not less than 90% for the whole  
Claim.

2.—At 100% Payment being made in

Fully paid Scrip of the Corporation's

3½ per cent. Perpetual Debenture  
Stock, carrying interest from date of

issue, and exchangeable for Stock  
Warrants of \$100 with Half-Yearly  
Interest Coupons attached, on the  
Scrip being made up to any even

multiple of \$100.

Holder of this Stock incur no liability  
whatever.

H. A. HERBERT,  
Manager,  
Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, April 27, 1886. 853

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RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-  
PRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

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CHIEF MANAGER:  
Thomas Jackson, Esq.  
Acting Chief Manager—John Walter, Esq.  
MANAGER:  
Shanghai—E. E. CAMERON, Esq.  
London—BANKER—London and County  
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On Current Deposit Account at the rate

of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily  
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On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months—3 per cent. per annum.

6 " 4 per cent. "

12 " 5 per cent. "

Local BILLS DISCOUNTED:

Ords granted on approved Securities

and every description of Banking and

Exchange business transacted.

Ords granted on London, and the  
other Commercial places in Europe, India

Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,  
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 15, 1886. 947

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## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

I HAVE admitted KHOO TEONG PAN  
(胡宗演) as a PARTNER in my  
Firm of BUN HIN CHAN & Co. of Hong-  
kong from the 1st December, 1885.

KHOO TEONG POH.  
(胡宗波)

Hongkong, May 7, 1886. 928

### NOTICE.

NOTICE.—The PARTNERSHIP heretofore subsisting  
between us, the undersigned THOMAS BIRLEY,  
KENNETH DOUGLAS ADAMS and JAMES LYON  
PLAYFAIR SANDERSON as MERCHANTS  
and GENERAL AGENTS, at Canton, Macao  
and Foochow, under the Style or Firm of  
BIRLEY & Co., EXPIRED on the 28th  
day of February, 1886, by effusion of time.  
All DEETS due to and from the late Firm  
will be Received and Paid by the said  
KENNETH DOUGLAS ADAMS and JAMES LYON  
PLAYFAIR SANDERSON, by whom the BUSI-  
NESS will be carried on under the Style  
or Firm of BIRLEY & Co., at Canton,  
Macao and Foochow, and in London.

BIRLEY & Co.

Canton, 10th day of May, 1886. 941

### NOTICE.

WE have this Day authorized Mr.  
JAMES JARDINE BELL-IRVING  
to Sign our Firm.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, May 6, 1886. 917

### Intimations.

SAMUEL LEES,  
WHOLESALE GENERAL HARDWARE,  
And Fancy Goods Merchant,  
EXPORTER OF GENERAL GOODS,  
81 & 85, Overgate,  
DUNDEE, SCOTLAND.

Sample Orders made up to any amount.  
TERMS—Cash with Order. 1010

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.'s PIER  
AND GODOWNS.

STEAMERS and SAILING VESSELS  
are BEERED at the Pier at the following  
Rates of Wharfage, viz.—

Craft Steamers and Sailing Vessels  
under 300 ft. over all. 850

Other Steamers under 300 ft. 860

Do. over 300 ft. 875

Cargo is landed and stored at thirty cents  
per ton weight or measurement, including  
free storage for seven days or is delivered  
into craft ex Ship at the Pier for that rate.

For the convenience of Craft and other  
Steamers using the Pier, Cargo will be  
received from Godown from Shippers, and  
stored, free of rent, for several days previous-  
ly to the departure of the Steamer by which  
it is to be shipped. Receipts will be given.

Cargo will be re-shipped or delivered into  
craft alongside the Pier, or at any of the  
principal removing places on the Praha at  
from three to eight days per package.

Cargo can be applied to Steamers at the  
Pier or elsewhere in the Harbour at market  
rates. Quick despatch guaranteed.

Advances made on Cargo stored and Fire  
Insurance effected if desired.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, May 17, 1886. 982

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## For Sale.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

HAVE FOR SALE  
THE FOLLOWING  
**STORES.**

YORK HAMS.  
ROLL BUTTER.  
TOPCAN BUTTER.  
FRENCH BUTTER.  
EPIC COCOA.  
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.  
PICNIC TONGUES.  
MACKEREL IN 5lb TINS.  
RAISINS AND CURRANTS.  
CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS.

SAVORY & MOORE'S NEW INFANT FOOD.  
BARNES & Co.'S JAMS.

POTTED MEATS.

PATE DE FOIS GRAS.

SWISS MILK.

BORDEN'S  
CONDENSED MILK.  
COOKING STOVES.

KEROSINE LAMPS.  
WINES, &c.

GILDERY'S SPARKLING SAUMUR, Pts. & Qts.  
SAUCONNE'S MANZANILLA.

SAUCONNE'S OLD INVALID PORT.

OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

BURKE'S OLD IRISH WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEF WHISKY.

MARSALA.

&c., &c., &c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT  
OF

**OILMAN'S STORES,**  
at the  
LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES  
FOR CASH.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 10, 1886. 280

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ABEDE CARVER, American barque, Capt.  
B. C. Pendleton.—Order.

ALICE ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Captain J.  
Phillips—Captain.

ALMA, German barque, Capt. R. Alberta,  
Melscher & Co.

ARMSTRONG APAR, Brit. steamer, Capt.  
MacTavish.—David Sassoon, Sons & Co.

BENZEL, British steamer, Captain Robt.  
Parquhat—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

ELLEN A. REA, British ship, Capt. N.  
B. Hatfield—Order.

FRED. P. LITCHFIELD, American barque,  
Capt. Sam'l. Birtlett—Order.

HOLLOWAY, British ship, Captain R. F.  
Denton—Russell & Co.

HENRY S. STANFORD, American ship, Capt.  
G. W. Pendleton—Adamson, Bell & Co.

LOANDA, British ship, Capt. A. J. Scott.

—Battered & Swire.

SORIANA, British barque, Capt. Marston.

—Captain.

WANDERING MINER, Brit. barqueantine,  
Capt. Hudson—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING  
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. MAIL Steamship STAR  
BUCK will be despatched for San  
Francisco, via Yokohama, on or about the  
12th June, taking Passengers and Freight  
for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-  
portation to Yokohama and other Japan  
Ports, to the United States, via Over-  
land Railways to Havana, Trinidad, and  
Demarara, and to ports in Mexico, Central  
and South America, by the Company's and  
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to  
England, France, and Germany by all  
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RETURN PASSENGERS, who  
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San  
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa),  
within six months, will be allowed a discount  
of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking  
within one year, an allowance of 10% will  
be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Re-  
turn Passage Orders, available for one year,  
will be issued at a sum of 25% from  
Return Fare. These allowances to the extent  
of 20% will be deducted from the  
amount of the Return Passage.

Freight will be received on board until 4  
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel  
packages will be received at the office until  
1 p.m. the same day, all Parcel Packages  
must be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

Our Agents, to accompany Cargo  
despatched with Beyond San Francisco  
should be sent to the Company's Office in  
San Francisco, addressed to the Collector  
of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passages  
and Freight apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 44, Queen's Road Central,  
O. D. HARMAN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, May 25, 1886. 1001

## To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-  
tions to Sell by Public Auction,

**TO-MORROW,**

WEDNESDAY, the 26th May, 1886, at 11  
a.m., at Messrs. P. BLACKHEAD & Co.'s  
Godowns, Wanchoi,—

(For Account of whom it may Concern),  
Salved on German Schooner *Francista*,

A QUANTITY OF  
RICE, TEA, UPHOLSTERY-MADE CLOTHING,  
SHOES, CAMPFIRE BOXES, &c., &c.

Also,  
OLD YELLOW METAL SHEATHING, ANCHORS  
and CHAINS, SAIL RIGGING, PUMPS and  
SUNDAY SHIP'S GEAR,  
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

G. R. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 25, 1886. 1025

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-  
tions to Sell by Public Auction, on

**SATURDAY,**

the 29th May, 1886, at 2 p.m., at his  
Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

**CHINESE & JAPANESE  
CURIOS,**  
forming a portion of the collection of Mr.  
E. BEAR, comprising:

KONG-SHEI, KIAN-LOONG, HONG-HEI and  
OTHER PORCELAIN WARE, CHIN-CHU WARE,  
JAPANESE VASES, BRONZES, and LACQUERED  
WARE.

Also,

A FEW NUMBERS OF CHINA PUNCH,  
CALMERS and TERRY MATCH RIFLES in  
case, with IMPLIERS, COMPLETE.

ONE ENFIELD MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE and  
SWORD BAYONET,  
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 25, 1886. 1028

PUBLIC AUCTION

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PICTURES,  
GLASS, AND CROCKERY WARE, &c.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public  
Auction, on

**SATURDAY,**

the 29th May, 1886, at 2 p.m., at his Sales  
Rooms, Duddell Street,—

A QUANTITY OF  
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,  
comprising:

ENGLISH-MADE MAHOGANY DRAWING  
SCITE, CROTONNE COVERED BLACKWOOD  
MARBLE-TOP TEAOTS, CHAIRS, AND SIDE  
TABLES, MIRRORS, OIL PAINTINGS, FEN-  
DERS AND IRONS, EXTENSION DINING TABLE,  
VIENNA CHAIRS, SIDEBOARD, WATKINS,  
GLASS, PLATED AND CROCKERY WARE, &c.;  
DOUWE and Single IRON BEDSTEADS  
complete, WARDROBE WITH PLATE GLASS  
DOOR, CHEST OF DRAWERS, MARBLE-TOP  
DRESSING TABLE AND SETS, OFFICE FURN-  
ITURE, &c., &c.

Also,

AN INVOICE OF IRON BEDSTEADS  
ASSORTED SIZES, AND FIVE DOOR-MATS  
ASSORTED.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

G. R. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 25, 1886. 1032

PUBLIC AUCTION

FOR TIENTSIN VIA SWATOW.

The Co.'s Steamship

*Pelican*,

Captain PAYNE, will be  
despatched as above on

THURSDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, May 25, 1886. 1020

UNION LINE

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

The Steamship

*Hampshire*,

Captain KERSEY, will be  
despatched for the above

Ports on THURSDAY, the 27th instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, May 25, 1886. 1029

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

Stocks.

No. of  
Shares

Value.

Paid-  
up.

POSITION FOR LAST REPORT  
JANUARY.

For equal-  
ization.

\$ 4,500,000

\$ 600,000

Balance forward

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The new date against Chang Chi is at last about to come to a trial. The long-looked-for witnesses have at last arrived, and Mr Caldwell was able to anticipate His Worship's decision on the application for remand by informing him that after he had had a little time to examine the witnesses, so as to get at the exact times and places of the alleged deeds of piracy and murder, he would be in a position to begin the prosecution. Mr Mackean granted an adjournment till Thursday morning at ten o'clock.

There are pretty heavy charges hanging over the head of this poor man, who has been vegetating in prison since January. The telegram received by Mr Caldwell yesterday states that Chang Chi is also concerned in the case of Kan Pan Shing and that the same witnesses can be used against him. The great question to be decided will be "Are the witnesses manufactured to order or genuine?" and it is to be hoped in the interests of justice that they will get a searching cross-examination, and that if their evidence prove no more satisfactory than at the last trial, the prisoner will be released from his cell.

Two Japanese, Yune Koch and Sanado Senko, were charged at the Police Court yesterday, before Mr Mackean, with stealing \$200 in money from the box of a seaman named Saups while he was residing in the boarding-house of Abdool Rizza. The complainant had gone to the boarding-house on landing from steamer from Singapore and had there left a box containing \$200 wrapped up in a Malay-sarong, while he went to secure a passage on board another steamer. During his absence in the evening the box was broken open and the money extracted. The two men were observed by a resident in the boarding-house, who overheard the first prisoner suggesting to the second that they should break open the box and afterwards heard them breaking it open. The case was remanded yesterday, and shortly thereafter the second defendant took a constable and showed him \$105 in a bush about two or three yards of Pok-foo-lum road, leaving thus only \$5 unaccounted for. Both prisoners were sentenced to six months' hard labour.

The military display in honour of the 67th anniversary of the Queen's Birthday yesterday evening was as pretty and effective as any we have yet seen on the Parade and Cricket Ground. It was witnessed by a large concourse of people, in which the native element largely predominated, and the movements of the troops were watched with eagerness and pleasure from beginning to end. Soon after four o'clock the first detachments began to muster on the Parade Ground, and the work of placing the men in position was at once proceeded with under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Crawford, R.A., Major Cochrane, and other officers. As usual the Royal Artillery were drawn up at the head of the Parade ground, below the retaining wall of the Cathedral compound, the Sikhs were placed next, and then the Regiment was drawn up in double column in a line which extended almost from the top of the Parade Ground to more than half way across the Cricket Ground. The Volunteers, with five guns, under Captain Francis and Lieuts. Mossly, MacCallum and Holmes, formed the third side of the square, on the Cricket Ground. In this order the men awaited the arrival of H. E. General Cameron, who entered the Parade Ground a few minutes before 6.15, and who was then joined by the members of his staff, Colonel Walker, R.E.; Major Davies, Assistant Military Secretary; Lieut. Somerville, aide-de-camp; Major Cochrane, Brigade Major; and Lieut. J. Little, Adjutant. On his reaching the saluting base, he received the general salute. General Cameron then advanced with his staff and took up a position in front of the troops, of whom he took command, and under his directions, a royal salute was given for Her Majesty, and a few volleys were fired by the Regiment, Artillery and Sikhs while the Volunteers fired three salvos of seven guns each. At the instance of the General, three ringing cheers were then given for Her Majesty, the General himself leading off the cheers. After this the colours were dropped and the whole force were marched past the Saluting base in companies and in quarter columns. The uneven nature of the ground prevented accurate dressing, but some of the companies went past in remarkably good form. The Volunteers also marched along the way, and they fired with precision as to time. Altogether the manoeuvres were well executed, and afforded a large portion of the community an opportunity of witnessing a most interesting spectacle. H. E. the Acting Governor and Mrs March were present during the greater part of the review.

THE U.S. corvette *Aster*, Commander Barclay, arrived at Yokohama on the 13th inst. from the North.

M. FRANDE, *Le Figaro de Shanghai*, says, is to be Vice-Counsel of France at Hankow and Kiu-kiang, and not as formerly stated at Foochow.

It is noticed in a recent Peking Gazette that the Board of Astronomers report that the wind rose on New Year's day from the South East, signifying longevity and a prosperous return.

The Portuguese man-of-war *Rei Lame*, Captain R. Andrade, is expected to arrive at Shanghai from Hongkong at the beginning of June. She will stay there about a month.—*N. C. D. News*.

The *Shanghai Courier* understands that seamen have been produced here for the small wage of \$12.00 per month. In view of this mariners ought to think twice before they leave their ships in Shanghai.

The steamer *Parthia*, which arrived at Woon-sung on the 16th inst., will load tea for New York. She was not to go up the river as she drew too much water to cross the Bar, even when she has no cargo on board.

It is proclaimed by His Excellency the Acting Governor in Saturday's *Gazette* that the Stamp Ordinance, 1886, shall commence and take effect on and after the 1st June next.

An Order of the Queen in Council, extending the provisions of the Foreign Jurisdiction Act 1843 to 782 to Korea, dated the 3rd April, 1886, published in Saturday's *Gazette*. The order comes into operation forthwith.

It is announced in the *Government Gazette* that His Excellency the Acting Governor has been pleased to recognise, provisionally and until further notice, Mr Francis Houghton of the *Slaghoek* in charge of the Bulgarian Consulate at Shoo-ping during the absence of Mr Atwell Coxo.

According to the *Shanghai Courier* numbers of whalers have been sent lately by the people on board steamer voyaging between Nagasaki and Shanghai. In former years (says contemporary) this was a good whaling ground, but these loathings of the deep are tiring seafarers every year.

The sanguine anticipations that were entertained with regard to the raising of the steam-tug *Ro-doo* do not appear (says the *N. C. D. News*) to have been realized so far, as every day *tug* is sinking further in the mud, so that in a short time it will be impossible to have her without the aid of gunpowder dynamite.

The *Strait's Times* is informed that even had the acting appointment to the Harbour Mastering been not given to Mr. Hill, son of Mr. E. Hill, *Liau-nan*, R.N., of H.M.S. *Puma* (for whom the appointment had been offered till the end of April) could have filled it, as the *Admiralty* requires services.

As addition to literature in the shape of an unilluminated *Charivari*, an Indian *Pink*, *Idly*, to be soon started in Bombay or *Taboot*, some of our most brilliant squatters are said to have been engaged, but editor's chair is not yet filled, perhaps ubiquitous Mr. W. W. Hunter will be for the post.—*Indian Planter's Gazette*.

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Head Quarters,

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Considering the very limited number of parades during the year—that they nearly all take place during one month, leaving but little opportunity for instruction between the trainings or for keeping up the knowledge previously acquired, I think the drill was highly creditable and indicative of a very superior intelligence on the part of the men.

It would be as well if rapidity of movement and formation were studied a little more, and the companies taught to get into their places with precision without too much time being lost in dressing. I attended most of the parades during my stay at Shanghai, and observed with much pleasure the soldier-like and efficient manner in which drill instruction was imparted by Major Holliday, who appears to have taken very great pains in qualifying himself for the command. I have not met many smarter Commanding Officers of Volunteers than Major Holliday.

The few Officers I was able to call out for Infantry drill acquitted themselves well, and the marksmen knew their places better than I expected. Adjutant Hough handled the Mounted Horse very creditably.

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